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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A knitting tool, particular for knitting machines or warp knitting machines,

having a loop-drawing needle (2), which has an elongated shank (5) that has hook (9) on one end and a cheek region (12) spaced apart from the hook (9), which cheek region is widened compared to the rest of the shank (5), and the shank (5) is provided with a drive means for effecting a longitudinal motion;

having a transfer needle (3), which has an elongated body (23) that parallel to the loop-drawing needle (2) is supported displaceably against the loop-drawing needle and is provided with a drive means for effecting this longitudinal motion; and

having a transfer hook (26), which is embodied on one end of the elongated body (23) of the transfer needle (3), and whose width measured transversely to the longitudinal direction (4) exceeds the width of the hook (9).

Claim 2. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that embodied on the shank (5) is a first control face (36), which at at least one point has an inclination to the longitudinal direction (4) of the shank (5); and

that embodied on the body (23) is a second control face (37), for entering into engagement with the first control face (36) and for imparting a transverse motion relative to the loop-drawing needle (2) to the transfer needle (3), beginning at the longitudinal relative motion.

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Claim 3. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that in the cheek region (12), the shank (5) has a noucat (16), in the form of a groovelike recess extending in the longitudinal direction, and an extension (31) embodied on the transfer hook is associated with this noucat.

Claim 4. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that the transfer hook (26) has a width that is greater than the width of the shank (5) of the loop-drawing needle (2).

Claim 5. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that the transfer hook (26) has a width that is greater than the width of the body (23) of the transfer needle (2).

Claim 6. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that the transfer hook (26) has a width that matches the width of the cheek region (12), measured from flank (14) to flank (15).

Claim 7. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that in the cheek region (12) on the shank (5), at least one guide face (17, 18) is embodied, which extends in the longitudinal direction (4) and is located in the same plane (E) that the hook (9) or the tip (11) of the hook (9) touches.

Claim 8. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that in the cheek region (12) on the shank (5), at least one guide face (17, 18) is embodied, which is located in a plane (E) that is offset transversely to the longitudinal direction (4) of the shank (5) from the tip (11) of the hook (9).

Claim 9. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in, that the end toward the hook of the cheek region (12) forms at least one rising face (21, 22) for the transfer hook (26).

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Claim 10. (original): The knitting tool of claim 3, characterized in that the transfer hook (26) is provided, on both sides of its protrusion (31), with slide chamfers (28, 29), which are guided on the shank (5) in the cheek region (12).

Claim 11. (currently amended): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that the extension (31) has a width that is greater than the width of the hook (9).

Claim 12. (original): The knitting tool of claim 1, characterized in that the loop-drawing needle (2) and the transfer needle (3) are supported on one another without prestressing.

Claim 13. (original): A knitting machine having a cam, which includes a spring means (41) that executes a relative motion with respect to a transfer needle (3) of a knitting tool (1), in order to press the transfer needle (3) intermittently against a loop-drawing needle (2) belonging to the knitting tool (1).